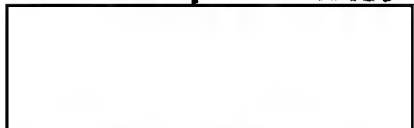


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Mr. Harry M. Gilbert



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Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter.

We have read your thoughtful comments with interest and appreciate your courtesy in writing to us.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Director

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HARRY M. GILBERT

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December 10, 1960

Dear Mr Dulles;

First off, I would like to add my voice to the chorus of praise that has greeted your decision to remain as Head of the C.I.A.

Next, I would like your opinion and criticism of an idea that is obsessing me in regard to supplementing work in the field of combatting Communist propaganda in the weaker nations around this poor world, such as inciting mentally unstable students and illiterates into mob actions.

My thought is to approach the Heads of the endangered governments with a request for assistance in selecting capable, dedicated persons to be the guests of our government for close view of our way of life in order to carry back home the truth about our policy towards other nations of the world.

These guests to be equipped with recording machines to be carried back after interviews with natives of the countries who have come over here and settled down to successful lives. Also interviews with escapees from behind the Iron Curtain. Given publicity, there should be no difficulty in arranging for hosts over here to accept them as house-guests. Furthermore, they could acquaint people over here with conditions in their homelands by being asked to address Clubs and other groups.

Of course some good has been done by the thousands of students who have come here for training, but one does not expect them to do what a dedicated person would do.

My idea is not to limit this suggestion to our country, but to ask all anti-communist governments to do likewise.

HARRY M. GILBERT

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I have talked with Congressman Joe Martin, Roy Howard and DeWitt Wallace about this plan and all three have approved of the idea.

Truth serum as an insecticide should be of great help in destroying these damned Red termites.

With best wishes to you and your family,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Harry Gilbert

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